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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 94-93

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☒ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF THE NURSE SUPERVISION AND PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) PERSONAL CARE SERVICES PROGRAM (PCSP)

This letter serves to inform you of the elimination of the nurse supervision and physician certification requirements in the IHSS PCSP Program administered through the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), effective October 1, 1994. The federal requirements for nursing supervision and physician certification were deleted from federal law effective October 1, 1994, and SB 1028 (Chapter 964, Statutes of 1994) eliminated these statutory requirements contained in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 14132.95(a). While the effective date of SB 1028 is January 1, 1995, CDSS has interpreted the legislative intent to be to eliminate these requirements as soon as authorized by federal law.

Effective October 1, 1994, counties are authorized to discontinue nurse reviews for continuing PCSP cases. Additionally, counties are authorized to discontinue the physician certification procedure when determining eligibility for PCSP. Specific instructions for the Case Management Information and Payrolling System (CMIPS) are forthcoming. All other PCSP eligibility criteria are still in place at this time.

These changes will not affect IHSS PCSP administrative allocations, and enhanced federal financial participation continues to be available for counties wishing to provide nursing supervision for PCSP cases as an administrative function.

You may contact Rosa Estes at (916) 387-4590 for policy questions, the appropriate analyst for CMIPS questions, and the CDSS County Cost Analysis Bureau at (916) 657-3806 for fiscal questions, regarding this All-County Letter.

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